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In re Application of:)
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RYOJI INOUE, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2853
Application No.: 10/529,101)
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Filed: March 24, 2005)
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For: LIQUID SUPPLY SYSTEM,)
FLUID COMMUNICATING)
STRUCTURE, INK SUPPLY)
SYSTEM, AND INKJET)
RECORDING HEAD)
UTILIZING THE FLUID : March 7, 2006
COMMUNICATING SYSTEM)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

U.S. Patent 6,347,863
Japan 5-96744
Japan 10-29318
Japan 11-309876
Japan 2001-187459

The foregoing documents were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,963,237 is an English language counterpart to Japan 10-29318; U.S. Patent 6,460,984 is an English language counterpart to Japan 11-309876; and U.S. Patent 6,520,630 is an English language counterpart to Japan 2001-187459. Those U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

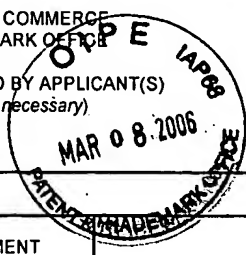
Respectfully submitted,

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